

be not novelty destroying for the invention as described in and claimed and specifically pointed out in claims 6-8.

Concerning the remarks of the examiner on claim 6 in view of US 5,195,370, it cannot be agreed that it is as evident to obtain lancets consisting of different parts that are joined together afterwards when lancets with different form elements are known on the basis of JP 60-119,245.

In JP 60-119,245, different components composed by laser welding are known. However, the place where these components are welded together concerns a zone where there is no contact with yarns. The zones are more particularly situated at the ends of the heddles.

The joining of the components in a zone wherein there is also contact with yarns gives an additional degree of difficulty, taking into account the risk that the yarns are additionally loaded or damaged because of collision or wear in the welded zones. Applying this consequently involves an inventive step.

In the argumentation against the grant of claims 7 and 8, the examiner states that Fehrer et al discloses the use of wire and a flat strip of metal in a heddle one can not at all agree with this opinion because in column 1, line 53 - 54 of Fehrer et al, it is described that the heddle is made from a wire or flat metal strip wherein in longitudinal direction a slit is provided wherein the two legs of the slit are opened in order to form an eye and wherein the yarn or the slit are twisted (provided with torsion). In view of JP 60-119245, also here counts that JP 60-119245 does

not indicate a zone wherein there is a joining of the components and wherein the yarns move, which is clearly the case according to method claim 7.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance are requested. In the alternative, reconsideration, providing copies and translation of the foreign reference and allowance are requested.

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